(b) whether it is also a fact that terrorists have also threatened to blow up the Delhi High Court; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government for protection of Delhi High Court and the other subordinate courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir. Incidents of bomb blasts in the court premises had taken place at Varanasi, Lucknow and Faizabad in Uttar Pradesh on 23 November, 2007.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, as the security of High Courts and other courts are looked after by the State Government/UT Police, guidelines have been issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs to them to review and strengthen the present security arrangements of High Courts and the other District/Subordinate Courts in the country.

Financial assistance to SIMI by foreign agencies

3924. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many activists of Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) were arrested by special task forces of Madhya Pradesh Government in March, 2008;

(b) whether his Ministry is having information that some foreign agencies are helping SIMI organization financially to the tune of Rs. 90 crores every year;

(c) if so, the names of foreign agencies with total amount spent by them on these terrorists and anti-national outfits; and

(d) the steps Government has taken/proposes to take to check flow of financial assistance by the foreign agencies to these anti-national groups so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) 20 (twenty) activities of Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) have been arrested.

(b) and (c) SIMI has been raising funds in a clandestine manner from well-wishers and sympathizers in foreign countries.

(d) The activities of SIMI are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies.

Attacks on women in Mumbai

†3925. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mumbai, regarded as the safest Indian city for women, still logs one rape every two days and at the end of December, 2007 figure is more than the 2006 number;

(b) if so, whether recently also there have been attacks on women, not only Indian but foreigner also in the city; and

(c) if so, the main reasons for the attacks on women in Mumbai and the steps Government proposes to take to help and assist the State in meeting the situation?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.